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Wabash Street Department plans annual fall cleanup

The Wabash Street Department has secured dumpsters for the annual fall cleanup. The event is set to last through Saturday, Sept. 19. The dumpsters will be located at Wabash Solid Waste Management District, 1101 Manchester Ave. The hours for the cleanup will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Wabash residents are to unload their items into the loader. Items that will not be accepted include batteries, paint, petroleum products, household chemicals, tires, appliances with Freon (However, appliances with red tags to denote Freon that was professionally removed will be accepted.), loose shingles, drywall, plaster,

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Rolling Meadows: 26 total resident COVID-19 cases

The facility also
reports one new
employee positive case
in the past 24 hours

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As of Tuesday, Rolling Meadows Health and Rehabilitation Center has reported a total of 26 residents as having tested positive for COVID-19 so far.

In addition, the long-term care facility reported one new employee positive case in the last 24 hours, bringing the total number of employees there who have tested positive to three.

Requests for comment sent last week in addition to a message left Tuesday with a staff member for Brooke Gibson, executive director, were not immediately returned as of press time.

On Wednesday, Sept. 9 the Indiana State Depart-

ment of Health (ISDH) issued its weekly long-term care facility data updates for COVID-19 cases. Unlike Rolling Meadows' own tally, the ISDH's newly-issued results were as of Sept. 2. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to ISDH in the seven days before the last dashboard update.

During the ISDH's latest update, Rolling Meadows reported 18 new positive

resident cases, bringing their total to 21. The facility also reported an additional resident death, bringing their total to five. Despite the figures from Rolling Meadows' own count, the facility has also reported five positive cases among staff.

Two other long-term care facilities in the county have also reported COVID-19 deaths among their residents, though in both cases those

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‘A beautiful mystery’



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Master Naturalist April Reed shows off some of the monarch butterfly caterpillars she brought with her Monday.

Monarch butterfly expert shares the secrets of these migratory pollinators

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During Monday's Senior Luncheon at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, Master Naturalist April Reed brought along a few friends: Namely, a few monarch butterfly caterpillars.

These particular larvae were the fourth generation of the year.

"This generation would be migrating to Mexico ... to overwinter and then they'll come back starting in the spring. And that will start the next generation all over again," said Reed.

In March and April, the butterflies will start laying their eggs for the year. In

May and June, the second generation will emerge. In July and August, the third generation will come about. Finally, in September and October, the fourth generation will be the ones to migrate to Mexico. From there, the butterflies will live for two to eight months until its time to fly back and start the process over again.

"The winds help push them along because it's quite a distance," said Reed.

Monarch butterflies go through four stages of their lifestyle.

During the first stage, monarch butterfly females lay their eggs on the back of milkweed leaves.

Reed said there are small ridges on the eggs, which are about a tenth of an inch long, making them very hard for most people to spot.

"I can spot the eggs really easily," said Reed. "Once you get to raising them you



Only two to five caterpillars will hatch from the hundreds a female lays.

are able to find them really simply."

Reed said only two to five will hatch from the hundreds a female lays. Reed said some die naturally, some die from bacterial and viral infections, while others are eaten by predators, some of whom will lay their own eggs.

"Sadly I've had the experience of getting excited and then ugly fly larvae come out," said Reed.

In the second stage, the caterpillar emerge from the egg.

"As it comes out of their egg, you'll see a black tip

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WCS presents the budget to Wabash City Council

The estimated school
operation maximum
levy was \$1,890,689

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Monday's Wabash City Council meeting, Matt Stone, business manager for Wabash City Schools (WCS), presented their 2020-2021 budget.

The estimated school operations maximum levy was \$1,890,689 and the property tax cap credit estimate was \$553,570.

The debt service budget estimate was \$1,667,000. The maximum estimated funds to be raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations) was \$2,192,910. The current tax levy was \$1,395,188. The levy percentage difference was 57.18 percent.

The education budget estimate was \$9,865,250.

The operations budget estimate was \$3,555,906. The maximum estimated funds to be raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations) was \$1,890,689. The excessive levy appeals were \$70,108. The current tax levy was \$1,606,983. The levy percentage difference was 17.65 percent.

In all, the total budget estimate was \$15,088,156. The total maximum estimated funds to be raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations) was \$4,083,599. The total excessive levy appeals were \$70,108. The total current tax levy was \$3,002,171.

Stone said the amount of money they receive each year from the state was based upon the number of enrolled students. Stone said he based the budget numbers on having 1,475 students.

"It looks like we're going to have within five of that. So, I got really lucky actually, because that's a crapshoot guessing how many kids you're going to have. We ended last spring before COVID hit at 1,477 that's why I projected that," said Stone.

Stone said the operations budget was where shortfalls occurred in the past because they were reverted to the levy from the year before. Stone said they now got to go back to the

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City Council approves budget on second reading

Local leaders keep eye on anticipated future revenue shortfalls

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Monday's Wabash City Council meeting, the council members unanimously approved the 2020-2021 budget on its second reading.

On Tuesday, Wendy Frazier, clerk-treasurer, said that there had been no additional changes between the first reading – which was approved at the Monday,

Aug. 24 meeting – and the second reading.

Before that, on Wednesday, Aug. 12, the Wabash City Council met to discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year with the various department heads.

During that meeting, Mayor Scott Long said anticipated revenue shortfalls due to the COVID-19-related shutdowns weighed heavily on everyone's minds. Long asked that various department heads make any available cuts in their budgets.

The approved tax rate and levy for the upcoming fiscal year include:

■ \$350,000 for the rainy day fund, with no adopted

tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$9,441,751 for the general fund, with a \$5,029,185 adopted tax levy and 1.6849 adopted tax rate.

■ \$912,400 for the fire pension fund, with no adopted tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$838,300 for the police pension fund, with no adopted tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$50,000 for the local road and street fund, with no adopted tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$1,990,323 for the motor vehicle highway fund, with a \$1,649,245 adopted tax levy and a .5525 percent adopted tax rate.

■ \$1,593,599 for the emergency ambulance and medical fund, with no adopted tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$605,440 for the park fund, with a \$501,000 adopted tax levy and a .0643 percent adopted tax rate.

■ \$2,995,113 for the sewer fund, with no adopted tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$178,899 for the aviation and airport fund, with a \$180,000 adopted tax levy and a .0643 percent adopted tax levy.

■ In all, the total was \$18,955,825 for the adopted budget, \$7,359,430 for the adopted tax levy, and 2.4807 percent for the adopted tax levy.

For the home-ruled funds, which are not reviewed by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), the council ap-


proved:

■ \$801,945 for the public safety fund Local Option Income Taxes (LOIT) adopted budget.

■ \$15,000 for the local law enforcement fund.

Frazier said Oct. 12 is the deadline to post the notice to taxpayers on Gateway. Oct. 22 is the last possible day for taxing units to hold public hearing. Nov. 2 is the deadline for all taxing units to adopt 2021 budgets, tax rates and tax levies. Nov. 9 is the last day for units to submit 2021 budgets, tax rates and levies on Gateway.

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Wabash Marketplace receives 2020 National Main Street Accreditation

Group's performance was evaluated by OCRA

STAFF REPORT

Wabash Marketplace has been designated as a 2020 National Accredited Main Street America program, according to Andrea Zwiebel, executive director.

Accredited status is Main Street America's top tier of recognition and signifies a demonstrated commitment to comprehensive commercial district revitalization and proven track record of successfully applying the Main Street Approach.

"We are proud to recognize this year's 860 nationally-accredited Main Street America programs that have dedicated themselves

to strengthening their communities," said Patrice Frey, president and CEO of the National Main Street Center. "These Accredited Main Street programs have proven to be powerful engines for revitalization by sparking impressive economic returns and preserving the character of their communities. During these challenging times, these Main Street programs will be key to bringing economic vitality back to commercial districts and improving quality of life during the recovery process."

Wabash Marketplace's performance is evaluated by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify the local programs that meet 10

rigorous performance standards. Evaluation criteria determine the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, documenting programmatic progress, and actively preserving historic buildings.

"We receive the accreditation on an annual basis and each year it reminds us that we are ranked among the top in the nation for downtown revitalization. Main Street America provides us a national network of ideas and best practices for transforming our downtown," said Zwiebel.

For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

Democrats decry slow spending of Indiana's federal virus aid

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana officials are still holding back on spending more than half of the \$2.4 billion state government received in federal coronavirus relief funding.

Democrats on the State Budget Committee questioned Tuesday why there wasn't more urgency in spending the money on the immediate needs of people around the state, while Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb's top budget adviser blamed some of that on confusion over federal rules.

State Office of Management and Budget Director Christopher Johnston presented a report to committee members showing that only \$225 million, or less than 10 percent, of that money had been spent by the end of August. The report showed nearly \$1.1 billion in total had been spent or committed toward programs or expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic that shut down much of Indiana's economy through the spring and has killed nearly 3,500 people.

Democratic Rep. Greg Porter of Indianapolis said he was concerned about slow distribution of the

money approved by Congress in March for several of those state programs.

Among those he pointed out were only \$17 million of \$300 million dedicated to local governments being distributed so far, along with \$960,000 of \$30 million for small business grants and \$19 million of \$40 million for rent payment assistance.

"This is September 15th, I just don't see us spending the money, getting the money out the door," said Porter, the top Democrat on the budget-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "I am very concerned about these dollars getting out, period."

Johnston said he believed the rental assistance program money would be spent soon as so far 9,000 applicants had received payments and that some 10,000 more applications were being reviewed. He also said he expected the local government money would be fully claimed once city and county leaders had better instructions from federal officials on what are allowable payroll expenses related to coronavirus matters.

Congress approved \$150 billion for states and local governments in March. That money was targeted to cover coronavirus-related costs by

the end of this year, not to offset declining revenue resulting from the recession.

Holcomb is among some governors pushing for greater flexibility in spending the money on the state's existing budget even though Congress and the Trump administration have been deadlocked on a new coronavirus relief package.

Holcomb has said his administration is being deliberate with spending decisions, while Johnston said Tuesday an unknown was whether states would gain any flexibility.

"Based on the last four months, I'm not going to predict anything," Johnston said.

Democratic Rep. Carey Hamilton of Indianapolis said the state needed to address serious concerns for residents, including some 300,000 rental households facing possible evictions, widespread small business closings and people struggling to buy food and pay utility bills.

"We're just kind of waiting to hear, waiting to hear — it's now the middle of September," Hamilton said. "The more we can help Hoosiers from falling behind significantly, the quicker our economy will be able to rebound from this crisis."

MONARCHS

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coming out," said Reed. "It's very tiny, like a pencil dot. It will eat its egg. It's its first form of nourishment."

Reed said during this stage of its life, "the little caterpillar just eats and poops and eats and poops some more."

"One time it was just really quiet in the house and it was just me and my dog. And you could actually hear the poop dropping. And he lifted up his head and he's like, 'What is going on?' ... You can actually hear them munching, which is one of the neatest sounds ever. It eats and poops and grows for about two weeks," said Reed.

Reed said the larvae grow to be about two inches long. The monarch will molt five

times during their life cycle. It will molt one last time before going into a chrysalis to begin the third stage of its life.

"Once they shed that they'll start wiggling around and forming their chrysalis at the same time," said Reed.

Reed said the caterpillar will begin looking for a place to start the process of metamorphosis, attaching to a stem or leaf to form a chrysalis.

Between 10 and 14 days will then pass before the

outside of the chrysalis becomes clear and the monarch emerges to begin its fourth and final stage of life as an adult butterfly.

"There is a rapid change from a caterpillar to sack of goop. No one understands the process. Scientists have never been able to figure out how or why, but it's a really beautiful mystery," said Reed.

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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 81°, humidity of 49%, Southwest wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 58°. South wind 2 to 7 mph. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 69°, humidity of 56%. North northeast wind 7 to 10 mph.

Pandemic forces journalists to rethink campaign coverage

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

NEW YORK — When the coronavirus shutdown began, ABC News' Martha Raddatz figured her plan for a cross-country road trip to meet voters would be shelved, too.

Instead, this week Raddatz nears the end of a 6,000-mile journey, where in Ohio she found a man who said President Trump "almost walks on water." She's made accommodations, been careful with masks and distancing, arranged interviews ahead of time and is avoiding a cliché of political reporting for safety's sake.

"I have a no-diner rule," she said.

The pandemic that instantly changed the 2020 presidential campaign forced news organizations to reevaluate coverage plans, too. It's an ongoing process: several reporters who followed Trump to Nevada on Sunday stayed outside when they learned the president's rally would be held indoors.

For months, news executives wondered if they would be covering a campaign without campaigning, although it has grown more public after Labor Day.

"In a way, it gave us an opportunity to reassess how we do things," said Peter Wallsten, senior politics editor at The Washington Post. "It's not clear whether how the media has been covering campaigns in the past has been the right way."

Given a result that took many people by surprise in 2016, one thing virtually all news organizations planned for this year was to talk to more voters, particularly in swing states.

Restrictions on travel and safety concerns made that more difficult.

The New York Times built a network of freelancers in key states, many of them experienced journalists who had lost jobs in the industry's downturn. The newspaper has three in Wisconsin, a competitive state that also became the incubator of racial justice protests.

"I don't want to be in New York making assumptions about what independent voters in the Milwaukee suburbs are feeling about Donald Trump or Joe Biden," said Patrick Healy, the Times' political editor.

The journalists have spotted stories that may not be strictly political but give insight into what communities are thinking about. Healy cited Kathleen Gray's June piece on how the community reacted

when a recently-married lesbian in Michigan was fired as a church music director.

Many of Politico's top reporters live outside of Washington — Tim Alberta in Michigan, Holly Otterbein in Pennsylvania and Marc Caputo in Florida. When a recent poll showed unexpected strength for Trump among Latinos in Miami, Caputo cited the popularity of a Spanish-language YouTube host who has become a big Trump supporter, a factor hard for outsiders to know, said Carrie Budoff Brown, Politico editor.

Before COVID-19 became an issue, The Associated Press encouraged political reporters to collect phone numbers and email addresses of voters to keep in touch with. This has proven invaluable, along with the news agency's local staff across the country, said Julie Pace, Washington bureau chief. The news cooperative boasts reporters and election-calling operations in each state.

One of Pace's favorite ways to sample voter opinion — approaching people in Target parking lots — is now very difficult.

"What is the new parking lot?" she asked. "I don't know."

Instead, reporters have to work the phones more aggressively. Wallsten said it was tough for readers to tell Jose A. Del Real didn't leave Washington to report an August story on Latino voters in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"People are out and about, messages are being conveyed," said CBS News President Susan Zirinsky. "You're missing the physicality of going to rallies or some events, but you're not missing stories. I think it enables us to drill down on the things that are most important to the American people."

Many news organizations hire a team of "embeds" to follow candidates on the road, usually young, ambitious reporters not dissuaded by long hours, repetitive speeches and bad food. They've been grounded for months.

"We have to be more creative," Brown said. "It's freeing in a way. We don't have to be locked into making sure we have coverage of five different things. It's freed them from the tyranny of events."

Rushing in to a community to watch a speech and then waiting at an airport to go cover another often wastes the time of a good reporter. Several news organizations have put more time into enterprising stories, like the Times' detailed account of how the Trump campaign squandered a significant financial advantage over Biden, and the type of step-back trend reporting that can often get lost.

The new-found freedom has also enabled journalists to aggressively go after stories that weren't anticipated, most notably social justice protests and the focus on whether votes will be counted now that the virus has made more people want to vote by mail. The AP has assigned 10 reporters and editors to cover access issues and the U.S. Postal Service.

While some may denigrate day-to-day event coverage, it does give journalists the ability to evaluate candidates in different situations, along with ask questions.

"I do think there's something that gets lost," Pace said. In Biden's case, "we've basically gone the whole summer without having that chance," she said.

The first debate will be held on Sept. 29. Candidate "town halls," which have largely been shelved due to the pandemic, will return this week — ABC has Trump on Tuesday and CNN has Biden on Thursday.


"These events, which are always challenging, become extremely challenging in the pandemic," said James Goldston, ABC News president, who is trying to ensure that rules for distancing and attendance are followed. ABC's supplies included 16 gallons of hand sanitizer, 3,200 disinfectant wipes, 1,600 face masks and 319 empty seats.

CNN has used boom mikes and restricted the number of staff members who can be in a vehicle together as part of its COVID-19 planning, said Sam Feist, Washington bureau chief. Now that it is starting to feel more like a traditional campaign, these safety issues are coming to the fore.

ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox News Channel and CNN reporters stayed outside Sunday's rally in Nevada; some news organizations let the reporters decide for themselves if they felt safe enough to go inside to an event where many people were not wearing masks.

However, journalists in the White House "pool" that provides video and still pictures of the event did go in, enabling everyone to have details about what went on.

Zeke Miller, president of the White House Correspondents' Association, said the organization appreciates the professionalism of its journalists when placed in a difficult and potentially hazardous situation. The WHCA will continue to press for health and safety precautions, he said.



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Richard ‘Steve’ Hearn

July 30, 1937 – Sept 13, 2020

Richard “Steve” Hearn, age 83, of Leesburg, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 7:34 PM in his residence. Steve was born July 30, 1937 in Wabash, Indiana to Emera and Isabel (Harrop) Hearn. He was united in marriage to Delores Jones on June 19, 1965 in Leesburg, Indiana. He was a graduate of Central High School, North Manchester, Indiana and continued with his education at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. In 1961 Steve earned his bachelor’s degree in finance from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. In 1965 he graduated from Indiana University Law School earning a Doctorate of Jurisprudence.

Steve served as an attorney from 1965-1973 for Reed & Hearn Law Office, Syracuse, Indiana. He served two terms in the 1970’s and 1990 to 2000’s as the Kosciusko County Prosecuting Attorney. He was also an attorney in civil practice with the firm of Rator, Harris, Lemon & Reed in Warsaw.

Steve was a member of the Warsaw Masonic Lodge #73, with a 32nd degree and a Scottish Rite 50-year member at Ft. Wayne Valley. Other memberships include, American Power Boat Association, President & Legal Counsel, DU-Delta Upsilon Fraternity Purdue, and a member of the Leesburg United Methodist Church. Steve proudly served as the Law Clerk to the honorable Frederick E. Rakestraw for the Supreme Court of Indiana and as a Sheriff of the Supreme Court.

Steve is survived by wife, Delores Hearn, Leesburg, IN; children, Edward (Kelly) Hearn, Valparaiso, IN, Richard (Susan) Hearn, Syracuse, IN, Elizabeth Hearn, Turn-



ersville, NJ; brother, James (Verlyn) Hearn, Leesburg, IN. In addition, Steve is survived by 11 grandchildren, Victoria (Jordan) Karow, Nashville, TN, Grant and Lauren Hearn, Syracuse, IN, Rylan and Brayden Chew, Turnersville, NJ, Isabella Hearn, Kori Ladd, Ava Hearn, Elise Hearn, and Theodore Hearn all of Valparaiso, IN.

A visitation will be held from 4 – 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020 with a one-hour visitation prior to the service at the Funeral Chapel. Pastor Rob Seewald will be officiating. Interment will follow at Leesburg Cemetery, Leesburg, Indiana.

Due to current COVID-19 recommendations, masks are required. The public is kindly requested to provide their own. Social distancing is strongly encouraged.

Since Steve was the originator of the Junior Class Category, the Family kindly request memorials be made to:

American Power Boat Association- Junior Class Fund, 17640 E. 9 Mile Rd. Eastpointe, MI 48021

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Jack Clayton Hampton

Funeral Services for Jack Clayton Hampton, 87, of Wabash, were 1 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hengten Funeral Service, Wabash. Pastor Rick Borgman officiated and Susan Vanlandingham was the musician. Memory shared by family and friends.

Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Pallbearers were Jim Lewis, Jeff Hampton, Tim Garrett, Nathan Bever, Marlon Garrett, Russell Garrett, Kyle France, and Tommy Garrett. Military Honors were by Wabash V.F.W. Post 286 and Grissom Air Base Military Honors Team.

Betty E. Morrett

Aug 27, 1928 – Sept 12, 2020

Betty E. Morrett, 92, of Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, Indiana, formerly of rural Wabash, died at 1:48 pm, Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Peabody Healthcare. She was born August 27, 1928 in Wabash County, Indiana, to George and Louise (Williams) Roser Eppley.

Betty was a 1946 graduate of Somerset High School. She married Richard G. Morrett in Columbia City, Indiana on March 1, 1947; he died January 19, 1999. Betty was a homemaker, a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Wabash, and a longtime member of the Cozy Homemakers Home Ec Club. Betty and Richard donated the land for the Morrett Sports Complex in Wabash, in honor of their son, Jay Allen Morrett. She and Richard wintered several years in Ft. Pierce, Florida. Betty lived at Peabody Retirement Community for the past two years.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Stephen) Kiser of Baltimore, Maryland, and a former exchange student, Berith Brannstrom of Uppsala, Sweden. Two granddaughters, Michelle (Matthew) Salb of Millersville, Maryland, and Valerie (David Bosley) Kiser of Scranton, Pennsylvania, four great-grandchildren, Aidan Salb and Trevor Salb, both of Millersville and Axel Bosley and Liv Bosley,



both of Scranton, and her sister, Alma Smith of Wabash. She was also preceded in death by her parents, her son, Jay Allen Morrett, and her granddaughter, Amy Lenore Kiser.

The death of a parent is difficult no matter one’s age, and right now it is much more troubling as our usual rituals and ability to pull together for the comfort of physical proximity and touch are so challenging.

Moreover, the family has decided, as a result of COVID-19, a public viewing will not be conducted, and the graveside services will be family only.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests all donations be made to The Morrett Sports Complex.

We are praying for all of you through this time of sadness.

The memorial guest book for Betty may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Elizabeth Ann Shultz

Nov 1, 1939 – Sept 12, 2020

Elizabeth Ann Shultz, 80, formerly of Deedsville, Indiana, passed away Saturday, September 12, 2020.

Public visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020, at McClain Funeral home, Denver, Indiana.

The funeral service will be on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at Deedsville Community Church, Deedsville, Indiana. We are a large extend-

ed family. Due to the limited capacity of the Deedsville Community Church we respectfully request the funeral service be limited to family and close friends of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Molly’s Movement (Dementia Support) or the Deedsville Community Church. McClain Funeral home has been entrusted with arrangements.

Kristine Ann Preston

Kristine Ann Preston, 70, died Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Private graveside services

and burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hengten Funeral Service, Wabash.

Ralph E. Bidwell

June 11, 1947 – Sept 14, 2020

Ralph E. Bidwell, 73, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 5:24 a.m. Monday, September 14, 2020, at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born on June 11, 1947 in Wabash, to Ralph and Nettie (Burnworth) Bidwell.

Ralph graduated from Oak Hill High School. He retired from Bickford Cottage where he worked as a qualified medical assistant. Ralph also worked at Vernon Manor and Miller’s Merry Manor. He enjoyed surfing the internet, watching YouTube videos, and talking with friends..



He is survived by two sisters, Kathy Music and Janet Niccum, both of Wabash, and many friends, co-workers, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents, and sister, Shirley Bidwell.

Per Ralph’s wishes, there will be no service. Following cremation, inurnment will be in Center Grove Cemetery, Lincolnville.

Preferred memorial is Animal Shelter of Wabash County.

The memorial guest book for Ralph may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

BettieB ‘Bebe’ Wimberly

April 3, 1927 – Sept 12, 2020

BettieB “Bebe” Wimberly, 93, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 8:10 am, Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born April 3, 1927 in Sioux City, Iowa, to Hal and Stella (Cook) Wimberly.

Bettie was a 1945 graduate of Morrill High School in Morrill, Nebraska. She received her bachelor’s degree in 1949 from Lindenwood College in St Charles, Missouri. Bebe was an administrative assistant to the CEO of Macy’s in St. Louis, Missouri. She lived in Wabash the past 13 years,

coming from St. Louis.

She is survived by two cousins, Isabel (Robert) Lewis of Lagro, Indiana, and William (Tracy) Wimberly, II of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Roma Louise Wimberly.

As per BettieB’s request there will be no services. Internment will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hengten Funeral Service, Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Bebe may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Ray Brubaker

Dec 3, 1946 – Sept 13, 2020

Ray Brubaker, 73, North Manchester, died September 13, 2020. Ray was born December 3, 1946.

Ray Brubaker is survived by his wife, Marjorie Brubaker; son Michael (Christy) Brubaker; daughter, Jolene (Rodney) Brunk; sisters, Shirley (LeRoy) Wray, Peggy (Marvin) Wise, Connie (John) Reece; grandchildren, Adrienne Brunk, Tyler (Angela) Brunk, Nik Brubaker, Bridgette (Thom-

as Martin) Brubaker, Tasha Brubaker; great-grandchildren, Dontae and Casen Snyder.

Calling hours will be Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 10 a.m. to noon at West Manchester Old German Baptist Brethren Church New Conference, 1013 West State Road 114, North Manchester. Funeral services are private.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Ronald Gene Stein

Funeral Services for Ronald Gene Stein, 84, of rural Wabash, were 10 a.m., Monday, September 14, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hengten Funeral Service, Wabash. Rev. Haley Asberry officiated and Judy Ward was the musician.

Entombment was in Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Pallbearers were Drew Rensberger, Kevin Cassity, Jon Kowalczyk, Gary Stein, Jerry Hoy, and Craig Wahlig.

CASES

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were announced before this latest update.

Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester has a total of fewer than five each of total resident positive cases, resident deaths and staff cases. Timbercrest also did not immediately return requests for comment as of press time.

Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester has a total of eight total resident cases, fewer than five resident deaths and 69 staff positive cases.

Wellbrooke of Wabash also has less than five total staff positive cases. Those were also reported before this week’s update.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

Local figures

On Saturday, the ISDH reported nine new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 246.

On Sunday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 249, with 4,558 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 4.1 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 6.5 percent.

On Monday, the ISDH reported two new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 251, with 4,573 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 3.3 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 5.3 percent.

On Tuesday, the ISDH reported one new local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County’s total to

251, with 4,646 tests. (One of the previously reported local positive cases was removed. According to the ISDH, all data displayed is preliminary and subject to change as more information is reported.) The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 3.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 5.6 percent.

The state still reported a total of seven local deaths.

Statewide figures

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 758 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at the state laboratory, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 107,229 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dash-

board.

A total of 3,235 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 20 from the previous day. Another 225 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 1,254,731 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 1,247,293 on Monday. A total of 1,756,019 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaineditor.com.

WCS BUDGET

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max levy.

Stone said the trouble was in the \$553,570 property tax cap credit

“Which is huge for a school corporation of our size. There’s not very many schools that get like we do. Just as a point of reference, MSD and Manchester (Community Schools) will lose less than \$100,000,” said Stone.

Stone said this shortfall would have to come out of the operations budget.

“We’ve got to scramble, figure out how to save it. People ask me how we do that. We haven’t replaced any flooring in our school corporation in 10 years. Because it looks OK and if you don’t have the

money to replace it, what do you do, right? We’re way behind on where we’re supposed to be on replacing carpet and replacing stuff in our offices and the library and the elementary classrooms,” said Stone.

Stone said they had no choice but to pay for line items like custodians, utilities and insurance.

“It’s really that capital kind of stuff like building improvements, and carpeting and roofs,” said Stone. “We didn’t cut any positions.”

Monday’s presentation was the official public hearing date. The adoption date has been set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13 at Wabash City Hall.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaineditor.com.

Business



Organized by Wabash Marketplace, the streets of downtown Wabash will be buzzing with shoppers looking for hot deals during the Seventh Annual Takin' It to The Streets Sidewalk Sales on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Wabash Marketplace announces 'Takin' It To The Streets' sidewalk sales

Farmers' Market, Crash the Bash will also take place Saturday, Sept. 19

STAFF REPORT

Organized by Wabash Marketplace, the streets of downtown Wabash will be buzzing with shoppers grab hot deals during the Seventh Annual Takin' It to The Streets Sidewalk Sales on Saturday, Sept. 19, according to Andrea Zwiebel, executive director. Many shops throughout downtown Wabash will be hosting sales on a variety of items such as unique boutique clothing, books, antiques and more. Participating businesses include:

- Bellazo
- Brooch Boutique
- C&J Raxx
- Eclectic Shoppe
- Modoc's Market
- Wooden Ivy Boutique and Floral
- Tiny Threads Children's Boutique

"Don't forget to check out all that's happening in downtown Wabash during this event," said Zwiebel. The Wabash Farmers' Market will take place from 8 a.m. to noon in the Honeywell Center parking lot. "Buy fresh produce, gourmet candies, baked goods and handmade items such as soap and furniture," said Zwiebel. Crash the Bash hosted by Wabash CrossFit and Fitness will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. on Miami Street. For more information, visit wabashmarketplace.org.

BBB revokes accreditation of a company failing to deliver products purchased online

Consumers in 11 states report empty packages, shipping delays, unresponsive customer service

STAFF REPORT

BBB Serving Northern Indiana is warning consumers against buying from JoGoddess Hair, according to Nichole Thomas, director of communications, public relations and community outreach. The Fort Wayne-based business has received a pattern of complaints from customers receiving empty packages after ordering products online. Consumers also report long shipping delays and unresponsive customer service. Losses range from \$195 to over \$300. When working to resolve the complaints, the BBB approached the company and was told: "If consumers experience an issue with their package, they should file a claim with the delivery carrier. Once they leave our location, they are no longer our responsibility." Due to this pattern of complaints, and JoGoddess Hair's failure to offer

a solution to resolve the complaints, the company's accreditation was revoked on Sept. 3. "All accredited businesses agree to uphold the BBB Standards for Trust, which include delivering products as promised and making a good-faith effort to resolve customer complaints," said Marjorie Stephens, president and CEO of the BBB Serving Northern Indiana. "Being an accredited business is a prestigious position and not every business qualifies. When businesses engage in unethical practices, that honor and privilege can and will be revoked." A North Carolina consumer placed an order on July 23 and started installment payments through a third party. She reached out to both the retailer and the third-party payment processor on July 31 concerning the delivery of her products. When the payment processor advised her to work with JoGoddess Hair to cancel her order, she found that her order could not be canceled per company policy, but her shipping and tracking info would be available on Aug. 3. The tracking info was not updated until Aug. 9, and the order did not ship until Aug. 24. The package arrived empty,

but the consumer could not dispute it through the payment processor because JoGoddess Hair submitted the tracking number as proof of shipping. "This experience has been one of the most unprofessional experiences of my adult life," she said in her complaint. A Michigan consumer left a one-star review about the lack of customer service. After attempting to reach JoGoddess Hair by email, she messaged their Facebook profile. The company then gave her a different shipping and processing time than listed on the confirmation email. A few days after the new date, she sent another message about her order and found she had been blocked by the company on Facebook. "Poor customer service is completely unacceptable in an ethical marketplace," Stephens said. "Shipping issues can happen, but patterns reveal a much deeper issue." The BBB offers the following tips to shop safely online:

- Buy from reliable

retailers. Shop businesses you know and trust online. If you've never done business with a company, review their business profile at BBB.org. Pay attention to customer reviews and complaints. Don't be fooled by a bargain advertised on social media. If the price is too good to be true, it probably is. ■ Check the business's contact information. Even if the company website or social media profile looks legitimate, make sure they're willing and available to answer questions. Incorrect email addresses, continually changing shipping times and unfriendly customer service are red flags of an untrustworthy business. ■ Pay carefully. Credit cards are generally the safest way to pay for online purchases. If a problem occurs, you have some consumer protections offered by the credit card company to dispute the charges. If a business only accepts payment options like PayPal, Venmo or CashApp, that's another red flag.

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Manchester University alum Joel Eichenauer ('91) returns to his alma mater as the head coach of the men's and women's tennis programs.

Spartan alum Joel Eichenauer returns to lead tennis programs

He also serves as a teacher at Manchester Elementary School

STAFF REPORT

Manchester University alum Joel Eichenauer ('91) returns to his alma mater as the head coach of the men's and women's tennis programs, according to Dillon Bender, sports information director.

Eichenauer had previously served as the interim men's tennis coach during the 1991-92 academic year and helped lead the transition of Manchester tennis from the NAIA ranks to NCAA Division III.

From 1993 until 1996, Eichenauer served as the Mason High School (Michigan) boys junior varsity and girls varsity tennis coach. While at Mason High School, Eichenauer was able to grow a roster from 22 players to 57.

A fixture in the North Manchester tennis community for the past decade, Eichenauer has served as the head tennis coach of both the boys and girls tennis programs at local Manchester High School.

Eichenauer led the Manchester boys tennis program from 2009 until 2015. Taking over a winless program in his first season, Eichenauer helped guide the Squires to a pair of 13 win campaigns in 2014 and 2015. In 2014, Coach Eichenauer also led Manchester High School to its first sectional title in nine years.

Eichenauer has led the Manchester High School girls' tennis team since 2011. Over the past nine years, the Manchester High School girls tennis program has compiled a 102 to 48 overall record and earned conference and sectional championships in 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Eichenauer also serves as an elementary school teacher at Manchester Elementary School. He is married to fellow Manchester alum, Dr. Lori Zimmerman ('92). Eichenauer's son, Connor, was a standout tennis player for the black and gold and graduated from Manchester in 2019. Eichenauer's daughter, Karly, is a senior captain this year on the women's tennis team.

The Manchester University men's and women's tennis teams are scheduled to compete in several matches this fall. Their respective fall schedules can be found below.

Submit your news

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Undefeated Knights regain bragging rights against Norseman

Norseman will host Manchester, Knights will host Wabash on Friday

By ALINA REED

Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

On Friday, Sept. 11, fans of Wabash County football got to see a great game as Southwood traveled to Northfield to rekindle their rivalry.

Southwood came into this game looking for revenge, as Northfield ended their undefeated season last year during sectionals. The Knights came out of the gate hot and with a chip on their shoulder.

On their first possession of the game, Southwood's quarterback, Alex Farr, scrambled up the middle for a third-down conversion and soon after connected with senior, Connor Rich, for a 15-yard touchdown, putting the first points of the night on the scoreboard. Northfield also appeared ready to attack on their first drive when senior, Clayton Tomlinson, ran the ball for a four-yard conversion on fourth down. From there, the game instantly turned into a defensive battle as Northfield was forced to punt. The first quarter concluded with four total punts as Southwood remained ahead 7 to 0.

As the second quarter began, Southwood jumped on a loose fumble to regain



Photo by Alina Reed / Plain Dealer

Southwood senior Elijah Sutton dodges Northfield junior Jaydan Goshert to bolt to the end zone.

possession. While making a good drive, the Northfield defense once again stepped up to the challenge as junior, Jacob Snyder, make several big tackles which ended the Southwood drive on a failed 4th down conversion attempt. With five minutes left in the first half, Northfield finally got their offense moving. Sophomore Mason Fisher, started the drive with a 12-yard rush which was followed by junior, Jake Halderman, with a 20-yard pass completion to Tomlinson. With one minute left in the half, Halderman once again connected with Tomlinson for a 10-yard touchdown. Northfield decided to forgo the extra point attempt, and Halderman scrambled for the 2-point conversion,

giving the Norse an 8 to 7 lead. The Knights made a promising drive as the half was ending, but Fisher broke up a pass in the end zone taking the game to halftime with the Norse up a point.

The Knights came back out in the second half with their offense clicking. Farr found senior Carson Rich from four yards out allowing the Knights to regain the lead.

Following an empty possession from the Norse, Farr connected with Rich on a deep pass before the drive was capped off by an interception by senior Michael Fisher. The Norse marched down the field but were stopped on the goal line, handing the ball back to Southwood. The

Knights then took control without looking back. Farr connected once again with Rich for a 35-yard completion before connecting with senior, Dawson Filip, for a 30-yard completion, putting Southwood in the red zone. Facing fourth and goal, Southwood decided to go for it, and it paid off as Farr found senior, Logan Barley, in the end zone for a nine-yard touchdown pass. With the Norse desperate and running out of time, Rich jumped a passing lane and got the ball back for Southwood. Farr immediately connected with Barely again for a nine-yard touchdown, putting the Knights up 25 to 8, which would be the final score, allowing the Knights to regain bragging rights

for the county rivalry.

"We've been told that Southwood can't finish football games and tonight we proved that we could. It always feels good beating a county school, but this year it's even better because this is our last go-around as seniors," said Farr.

Farr finished the game with 258 passing yards and four touchdowns. Southwood moves to 4 to 0 on the season, looking to stay undefeated as they host Wabash this Friday. Northfield falls to 1 to 3 on the season, as they will be getting ready to host Manchester this Friday in hopes to find another win.

Alina Reed, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

Colts look to rebound after another sloppy opening-day loss

By MICHAEL MAROT

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Coach Frank Reich blamed himself for the Indianapolis Colts' opening-day miscues.

He accepted responsibility again Monday for setting up the first of Philip Rivers' two interceptions. He said he was outcoached on some key plays. Reich insisted he had even put quarterback Jacoby Brissett in a tough spot on his first and only snap of the game and lamented the fact he didn't call more runs.

Sure, Reich made some mistakes in Sunday's 27-20 loss — and so did everyone else.

"He (Reich) is always going to do his best to shield us from the blame when he can, but, shoot, ultimately the ball's in my hand," new quarterback Philip Rivers said after the game. "I thought the guy was out of there. He wheeled back and made a play off it. I felt it right as I let it go."

The Colts signed Rivers, an eight-time Pro Bowler, to help them get back to the playoffs. But after one week, the resume looks awfully familiar.

The Colts have lost seven lost seven straight season openers, eight straight road openers, six straight in Jacksonville and six of their past seven overall. They've even lost starting running back Marlon Mack for the rest of the season with a ruptured right Achilles tendon, too.

And after throwing 20 interceptions last season, the 38-year-old Rivers threw

two more in his Indy debut.

No, it wasn't what anyone in the Colts' locker room anticipated. But they are better positioned to turn things around with a deeper, more talented roster than the Colts have had in recent seasons. All they have to do is clean things up.

"It's just one game," Reich said. "You want to start out with a win against a division opponent on the road, but we'll learn from it and we'll get better and we'll be ready to go next week."

What's working

The offense. Despite the turnovers, the Colts had no trouble moving the ball. They finished with 445 yards, averaging 6.4 yards per play, and never punted.

What needs help

Red-zone offense. In addition to the interceptions, Rivers acknowledged he should have thrown to tight end Jack Doyle for a touchdown on Indy's second series instead of settling for a short third-down conversion. The Colts gave away another scoring chance later on the drive when Nyheim Hines was stopped short on fourth-and-goal, and again when Rodrigo Blankenship hit the left upright on a 30-yard field goal attempt.

Stock up

Jonathan Taylor. With Mack out, the second-round pick out of Wisconsin becomes the new starter. He topped the 2,000-yard mark each of the past two seasons and

caught six passes for 67 yards while running nine times for 22 yards in his NFL debut.

Stock down

T.Y. Hilton. Yes, he caught four passes for 53 yards Sunday but was targeted nine times and failed to haul in either of Rivers' last two throws.

"I lost the game," Hilton said. "The drops, never should have had them."

Injured

Mack. The starting running back has steadily increased his rushing totals each of his first three seasons. Now, his contract season is over barely after it begun.

Key number

Fantasy football fans might want to note that the Colts had 17 receptions by running backs. Hines had eight for 45 yards and one TD, and Mack had three before the injury in addition to Taylor's haul. Expect the trend to continue.

Next steps

This week, it's clean up time in Indy.

Indy scored touchdowns on on only two of its five red-zone trips, was minus-2 in the turnover battle and had five penalties for 80 yards after leading the league in both categories in 2019. The defense struggled to put consistent pressure on Jags quarterback Gardner Minshew II, gave up three TD passes while forcing just one incompletion.

Reich expects all of it to change before Minnesota (0-1) comes to town.

Seth Clark tabbed as Manchester men's basketball asst. coach

He was Wabash College asst. men's basketball coach, strength and conditioning coordinator

STAFF REPORT

Manchester University head men's basketball coach Nate Conley announced the addition of Seth Clark as an assistant coach on Wednesday, Aug. 12, according to Dillon Bender, sports information director.

Clark arrives in North Manchester after serving as the assistant men's basketball coach and strength and conditioning coordinator at Wabash College.

During his lone season with the Little Giants last year, Clark assisted with a Wabash program that began the 2019-20 season ranked in the D3Hoops.com Top 25 poll. Wabash posted an overall record of 17 and 9 and placed second in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) after compiling a 13 and 5 mark in league play. While on Wabash's staff, two players earned All-NCAC honors. Junior guard Jack Davidson also earned NABC and D3Hoops.com All-Region honors and was a CoSIDA Academic All-American. Five Little Giants were named to the NABC Honors Court.

Clark's duties at Wabash included assisting with team practices, individual skill development, developing travel itineraries and team meals, as well as overseeing strength and conditioning instruction.

Before his stint at Wabash, Clark spent one season as the men's basketball graduate assistant coach at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio.

No stranger to head coach Nate Conley, Clark was a



Provided photo

Manchester University head men's basketball coach Nate Conley announced the addition of Seth Clark as an assistant coach.

standout guard for Coach Conley at Ohio Wesleyan University. Clark was a four-year starter for the Battling Bishops, earning First Team All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors in 2015-16 and 2017-18. He added Second Team All-NCAC honors in the 2016-17 season. Clark holds the record for three-point baskets in OWU history with 287. A two-time team captain for the Battling Bishops, Clark is seventh in OWU history with 1,699 career points and helped win NCAC regular season championships for OWU in 2015 and 2016.

Clark graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2018 where he earned a bachelor's degree in human health and kinetics. He earned a master's degree in allied health with a specialty in healthcare administration from Otterbein University in 2020.

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Early lesson in social graces helps overcome initial shyness

DEAR ABBY: When I was a young adult, I had difficulty speaking with strangers. I recall, some years later, attending a party in honor of someone I truly admired. Most of the people there didn't know each other.

Someone had the bright idea for each of us to tell how we knew the honoree. We went around the circle describing our connection to the person. This not only kept the spotlight on the honoree, but it was a great icebreaker. I found myself interested in several of the folks there, and it gave me fodder to follow up with questions for them when we began to mingle.

I learned a valuable lesson that night. Curiosity is wonderful, and as you have pointed out, people like to talk about themselves. Now when I'm in a room full of strangers, I find it easier to smile and ask, "How do you know Susie?" or, "What brings you to this event?" I am no longer shy about attending gatherings where I won't know anyone. I actually like meeting new folks.

Abby, thank you for your column and for offering your booklet that teaches people how to be more comfortable in social situations. I'm sure more than a few of your readers need it. — Mixing And Mingling In Napa, Calif.

DEAR M AND M: You're welcome. No one is born knowing how to be social. Social adeptness is a skill like any other. People don't have to be brilliant or a laugh riot. Part of being social — something you picked up on at that party — is the importance of showing an interest in other people. A smile is an excellent icebreaker, and part of being charming is being a good listener.

Of course, you should cultivate your own interests so you will have something to add to a conversation. My booklet "How To Be Popular" contains many useful tips for polishing social skills for people of all ages — how to approach others, what to say and what not to say. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus a check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds), to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Good conversationalists prioritize what others have to say rather than feel pressured to fill the air with the sound of their own voices. And remember: Most people can focus on only one thing at a time.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on the OTHER person. If you try it, you'll find that it works like a charm.

DEAR ABBY: Why does my boyfriend always expect me to help him with his home repairs when I don't live there and don't plan to for a long while? I live in my own house, and I don't ask him to come help me fix a downed fence. How should I handle this situation? — Fixin' To Argue In Texas

DEAR FIXIN': Do not "argue." If you prefer not to help your boyfriend with his home repairs, tell him you have other plans. (And if you don't have any but don't want to be conscripted, MAKE some.)

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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- 39 Mountains or river
- 40 Penn or Connery
- 41 Phone bug

DOWN

- 42 Vote
- 43 Recipe amt.
- 44 England's Isle of —
- 45 Novelist Umberto —
- 47 Pet shop sound
- 50 Salem's state
- 53 Wakens
- 57 Flea market milieu
- 58 Puts into words
- 59 Orchard produce
- 60 Lustrous fabric
- 1 Banned bug spray
- 2 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- 3 Born
- 4 Daisy Mae's creator
- 5 Arab VIP
- 6 Thesaurus entry
- 7 Fiery dish
- 8 Govern

Answer to Previous Puzzle

UFO SOFT MASH
BAN URDU UNTO
OBI BEAT ROUE
ALOHAS UNKIND
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KFC IDYLLS
KID AERIE
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BLEU MIND TED
AIDE SOSO STE

- 9 Citrus Bowl site
- 10 Boxing stat
- 11 Chop down, as a tree
- 12 Fabric meas.
- 19 Refuse to say (2 wds.)
- 20 Ravel opus
- 21 Football pass
- 23 Bearded flowers
- 25 Add oxygen
- 26 Computer language
- 27 Drowsy
- 29 Apply makeup
- 33 Checkers piece
- 35 Not kosher
- 37 Egyptian paper
- 40 Pebbles
- 46 Curly-leafed cabbage
- 48 Jot
- 49 Golf stroke on the green
- 50 Mouths, in zoology
- 51 Gym iteration
- 52 Psychic's power
- 54 Grasp the concept
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- 56 Common ID

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
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9	8	3	5	6	1	2	4	7
2	1	4	9	8	7	3	6	5
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7	9	2	6	1	3	8	5	4
4	3	1	8	5	2	6	7	9
8	5	6	7	4	9	1	3	2

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

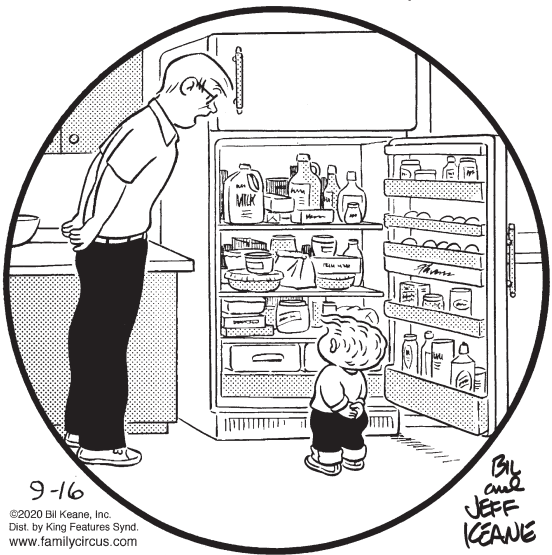


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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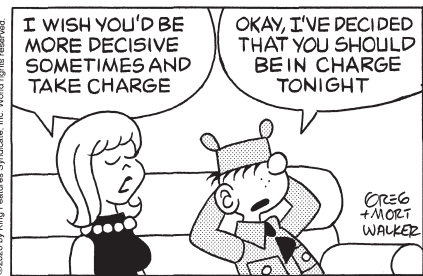
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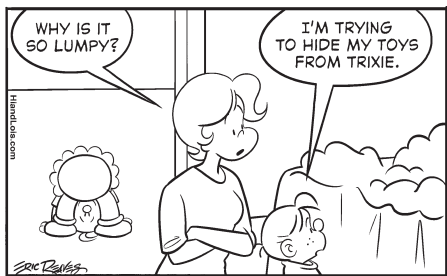
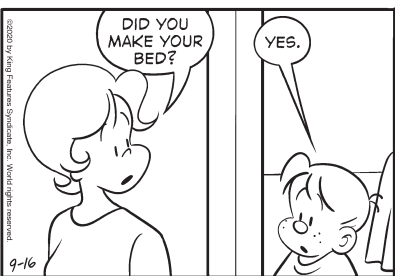
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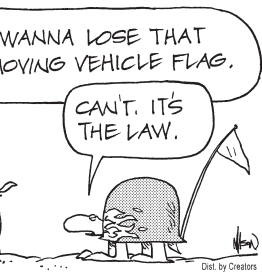
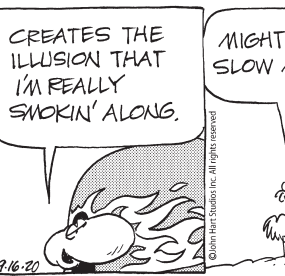
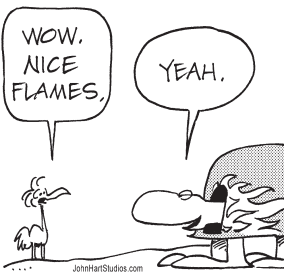
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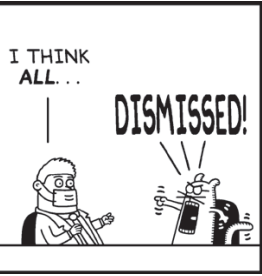
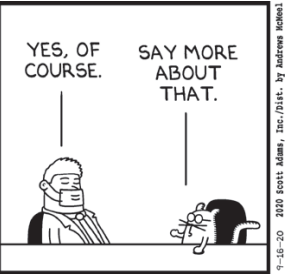
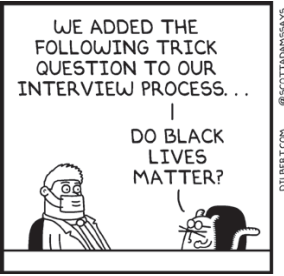
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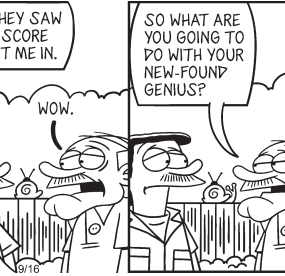
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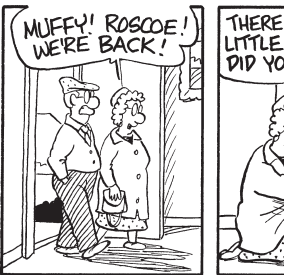
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Jesus wants to change us from within

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Is it really true that God's plan is for us to become spiritually mature, and if so, what does that really mean and how can a person accomplish such a thing? — S.M.

A: God's Word is clear in teaching those who follow Him that He wants

us to become more and more like Jesus. "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son" (Romans 8:29).

We may think that the word "image" means what someone looks like on the outside, but Jesus wants to change us from within, taking away everything that dishonors Him and replacing it with Christ's love and purity. This is spiritual maturity; to

show forth the love of Christ in joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). These are the attributes of God and something every follower of His should desire. This is the way to walk with Him every step of the way.

Will we ever reach this goal? No, not completely in this life — but someday we will enter God's presence forever, and then we will be totally free from sin's grip.

But we can strive for spiritual maturity right now. God

wants to begin changing us from within and making us more like Christ while we are still on earth. Only in Heaven will that process be completed; sin's power over us will be destroyed, and we will inherit that heavenly home Christ has prepared for us.

When we are what we should be inside, we will display the characteristics of God. True Christians will reveal the fruit of God's Spirit in our daily lives, and all other Christian virtues will round out a Christlike personality.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present.

Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"PR FKDG KO BSXE KE KO, XJV K
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ESG DIEIAG, TIE K NXJ'E NSXJLG ESG
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Previous Solution: "The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent." — Sam Levenson

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

Trump strengthens the case against his reelection

Donald Trump keeps piling up the evidence that he has neither the smarts nor the character to be president of the United States. He's "in over his head," as former first lady Michelle Obama put it, and he has "no moral compass," as former Defense Secretary James Mattis was quoted in Bob Woodward's new book, "Rage." Exhibit A is the president's fumbled response to a coronavirus pandemic that has killed nearly 192,000 Americans.

It is hard to argue with Obama and Mattis after the latest political contretemps over his recorded comments to Woodward.

On the issue of smarts. It would seem likely that any leader willing to engage in wholesale public deception would not admit this to a bestselling author in a recorded conversation to be made public shortly before a presidential election. Yet that's exactly what Trump did early this year when he described for Woodward during phone chats in February and March the lethal transmissibility of the emerging virus — "You just breathe the air and that's how it's passed," adding that it's five times more deadly than the flu — while at the same time insisting in public statements that the disease is fleeting and easily eradicated.

White House insiders say Trump's strategy has been to somehow manage the direction of Woodward's book by granting interviews and access. Given the firestorm of bad press that has resulted this week, the plan seems to have fallen short.

Among secrets Trump shared in an apparent effort to curry favor with the author was boasting about a new, top-secret nuclear weapon of which even China and Russia are unaware.

Well, they are now. How smart is that?

On the issue of a moral compass. Trump told Woodward, and repeated in his own defense Wednesday, that he downplayed the virus to avoid public panic.

But does that ring true? Beginning with Trump's dark inaugural address crying out about "American carnage" in urban streets, to his midterm election warnings in 2018 about immigrant caravans "invading" the United States, to his most recent dystopian contention that the Democratic Party is on a "merciless campaign to wipe out our history, defame our heroes, erase our values and indoctrinate our children," Trump has never shied from stoking fear when it served political ends. He's all about panic.

It seems far more likely that in the January-March time frame, Trump was really more worried about panicking the stock market after the Dow Jones Industrial Average had hit a then all-time high in February. An honest assessment of the coronavirus threat might tarnish his economic argument for reelection.

Moreover, it's one thing to urge calm in a crisis. It's quite another to utterly misrepresent what Trump was told would be the worst health crisis since the flu pandemic of 1918 that killed at least 50 million worldwide. Wouldn't it make more sense to educate the public about the lethal threat of COVID-19 so Americans, particularly Trump supporters, would be keen on social distancing and wearing masks?

Instead, Trump dismissed the wearing of masks for months and did not urge social distancing until mid-March. Studies have since shown that tens of thousands of lives could have been saved if he had acted just one week sooner.

Thanks to Trump's less than thoughtful decision to confess to Woodward in real time, we now know more than enough about Trump's ability to handle his job and lead our nation. He can't and he won't.

— This editorial was first published in USA Today.

If it's a referendum on Trump, he'll lose

Two months before the election, this race has become what President Donald Trump most fears: a referendum on his chaotic, incompetent, dishonest leadership and his lack of a moral compass. If this is the rubric voters use to choose between the candidates, Trump and the Republican Party are in serious trouble.

Even after four numbing years of Trumpism, the revelations in Bob Woodward's forthcoming book "Rage" are shocking. Back in February, when Trump was telling Americans that COVID-19 was no big deal and comparing it to the seasonal flu, he already knew, as he told Woodward, that it was "more deadly than even your strenuous flus" and very easily transmitted. In March, he admitted "playing it down," publicly and falsely reassuring the nation that the pandemic would somehow magically go away, counting on confidence to supersede reality.

Trump cannot claim he was misquoted or taken out of context, since Woodward has him on tape. And he has a lot of Trump's words to quote: a total of 18 interviews, including several late-night phone calls from the president. Trump's only defense so far is that he didn't want to create a panic. But there is an obvious difference between calmly delivering bad news or rallying the public's will to fight and deliberately withholding information that could prevent severe illness and death.

When Franklin D. Roosevelt said that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself," he was optimistically steeling the nation to claw its way out of the Great Depression. When Winston Churchill declared, "We shall fight on the beaches," he was modeling defiance against a powerful enemy. When Trump said, "It's going to go away, hopefully at the end of the month" — predicting the virus would disappear in April — he was just telling a lie.

Despite knowing how deadly the virus could be, Trump failed to develop and implement a national strategy to minimize its toll. He hectored governors to reopen businesses in their states too soon, and he continues to badger schools to commence full-time, in-person instruction, ready or not. The result has been nearly 190,000 deaths, many of which could have been avoided.

This is the record that Trump does not want voters to consider. He would rather have us square off in a race-fueled culture war.

The bombshells from Woodward's book exploded just days after a stunning article in the Atlantic by the magazine's editor, Jeffrey Goldberg, describing Trump's sneering disdain for the war dead who, as Abraham Lincoln said, "gave the last full measure of devotion" to their country. The president thinks they were losers.

According to the unnamed sources Goldberg quotes, Trump seemed unable to comprehend why anyone would make such a sacrifice. The former Trump administration officials who were reportedly present when the commander in chief made the disparaging comments — and who would be in a position to dispute Goldberg's reporting if it were not accurate — have remained eloquently silent. Other outlets, including Fox News, say they have confirmed Goldberg's reporting.

This is the character, or lack thereof, that Trump does not want voters to ponder. He would rather have us argue about whether Joe Biden, who has been in the public eye for five decades, is some kind of closet Marxist.

Politically speaking, Trump is not actually made of Teflon. Mud does stick to him. The problem is that by now he is covered with so much muck that the latest filth often blends in with the rest. What we have learned over the past week stands out, however — and will be difficult to ignore.

Trump's hard-core base probably will not care, though it is hard for me to understand how any Gold Star family or anyone who has lost a loved one to COVID-19 could fail to have second thoughts. But supporters who are more loosely attached to the president — who might like his judicial appointees, or who applaud his tax cuts — now have more evidence of Trump's gross unfitness that they somehow must rationalize away.

Trump is not just unorthodox, impolite or uncouth. He is not an omelet-maker who necessarily breaks eggs. He is inept, immoral and dangerously dishonest — and must be defeated for the good of the nation.

The more that voters see this election as a statement about what kind of person Trump is, and what kind of leader he has been, the more likely that Biden will be our next president.

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HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 16, the 260th day of 2020. There are 106 days left in the year.

Highlights in history:

On Sept. 16, 1974, President Gerald R. Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft-evaders.

On this date:

In 1630, the Massachusetts village of Shawmut changed its name to Boston.

In 1810, Mexico began its revolt against Spanish rule.

In 1966, the Metropolitan Opera officially opened its new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts with the world premiere of Samuel Barber's "Antony and Cleopatra."

In 1982, the massacre of between 1,200 and 1,400 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied Christian Phalangist militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

In 1987, two dozen countries signed the Montreal Protocol, a treaty designed to save the Earth's ozone layer by calling on nations to reduce emissions of harmful chemicals by the year 2000.

In 1994, a federal jury in Anchorage, Alaska, ordered Exxon Corp. to pay \$5 billion in punitive damages for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.



What Woodward owed the public

Though they might not admit it, journalists who began their careers in the wake of Watergate often ask themselves: What would Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein do?

Today, that question is more focused: What would I do if I were Bob Woodward?

Thanks to taped recordings of interviews Woodward conducted with the president in preparation for his latest book, "Rage," the world has learned that President Donald Trump was well aware of the virus's lethality and its method of transmission as early as February.

It is also clear that the legendary reporter sat on that story until the week before his book was published.

Trump's remarks, now exhaustively replayed, confirm that he knew — as, presumably, did others in his administration — that the novel coronavirus was an airborne infectious disease and that it was far more lethal than the regular flu.

Nevertheless, over several weeks and months, as the virus progressed across the United States, the president continued to downplay concerns about the virus in public, saying it was no worse than the regular flu, and failing to create a plan to contain the virus.

"Downplay" is an essential word in the context of the Woodward interviews. In one recording from March, Trump admitted to downplaying the virus — and wanted to continue downplaying it — because he didn't want people to panic.

Today, this is the crux of a dilemma for both Trump and Woodward. Are they guilty in different ways of contributing to about 190,000 American deaths through a conspiracy of

silence? Trump may well have wished to avoid a national panic in the early stages of the pandemic, but his silence signals an underlying distrust of his fellow countrymen. Our history is filled with examples of Americans rallying to a cause, no matter how frightening. One can't help wondering how many lives might have been spared with a strong dose of truth and the nobility of purpose of which we're capable as a nation.

One also wonders whether Woodward, by withholding news of the president's withholding, may have added to COVID-19's punch. At the very least, public knowledge of what the president knew but would not say might have forced Trump and others to act on reality rather than some imaginary scenario in which COVID-19 would just disappear one day, as Trump once said with a wand-like wave of his hand.

It would be unfair to suggest, as some have, that the two men are equally at fault. One is the president and took an oath to faithfully execute his duties. But, in an interview about his reporting process with The Washington Post's Margaret Sullivan, Woodward's explanation for waiting because he knew his book would be published before the election falls short of satisfying. Woodward also told Sullivan that in February he wasn't yet sure Trump was telling the truth — always a valid concern.

It is good to remember that this is not just any reporter.



Kathleen Parker

This is Bob Woodward — the man who met "Deep Throat" in parking garages and knocked on people's doors in the middle of the night for clues to the Watergate burglary. Remember the operative question: What did the president know, and when did he know it? Normally, what a president says he knows is news; with Trump, that linkage has never been reliable.

Woodward pointed out to Sullivan that he's no longer a daily reporter but an author. This means that he has ultimate authority over his research. Although no longer technically employed by The Post, he maintains an honorary associate editor title. Which is to say, no one wants to criticize an icon who brought fame to the paper for which we proudly toil. Trump, never lacking in self-confidence, really believed that talking to Woodward, often without staff present, would make the book more positive. Many of the conversations reportedly took place at night by phone when Trump thought of something he thought Woodward might like to hear.

What would you or I have done, if we were Woodward?

I do know that I would have sought the counsel of my newspaper editors, which Woodward no longer has. Sometimes, being the captain of one's own ship is a windward proposition. It seems clear now that revealing the president's calculated deceptions sooner might have forced Trump to act earlier and led more Americans to take greater precautions.

Given that, I think I know what many editors would have advised him: Publish lest others perish.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REPLAT OF SUBDIVISION
Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Wabash County Plan Commission on the 1st day of October, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission, top floor the Wabash County Court House, Wabash, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of CHRISTOPHER & SARAH LOCHNER for approval of a subdivision replat. The geographic area affected is generally described as: SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 27N, RANGE 6E, NOBLE TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, LEGACY RIDGE SUB DIVISION. LOT # 1 AND LOT # 2. A copy of the application is now on file in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission and is available for public examination. Any written objections that are filed with the secretary of the Plan Commission prior to the hearing will be considered and, at the hearing, The Plan Commission will consider any additional comments concerning the application. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
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televisions, computers and other electronic devices. The mentioned items can be given to Wabash Solid Waste Management District.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution Wednesday

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned a tailgate food distribution for 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. Distribution is while supplies last. All are welcome, regardless of home county or reason for need. No IDs, proof of address or income will be required. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

LaFontaine Lions to hold tenderloin fry Saturday, Sept. 19

The LaFontaine Lions have planned a hand-breaded tenderloin fry from 4 to 7 p.m., or until it's gone, at the LaFontaine Community Building, 105 W. Branson St., LaFontaine. This will be a carry-out event only, with two tenderloins, a bag of potato chips and applesauce for \$10. There will be a \$1 per transaction fee for credit and debit cards. The proceeds will be used for the support of the LaFontaine Community Building.

Clark Gallery to host 2020 photography show

The Honeywell Center Clark Gallery will be the site of the 2020 Photography Show sponsored by Harmon Photography through Wednesday, Sept. 23. For the 2020 Photography Show, a photographer may enter up to three pieces. Categories include black and white, color, and altered images. To review the 2020 Photography Show guidelines and complete the entry forms, visit HoneywellCenter.org/photo-show. Early entries can be made

by appointment only by contacting Michele Hughes by email at clarkgallery@honeywellfoundation.org or by calling 260-274-1411.

Shop Hop begins in downtown Wabash

Wabash Marketplace is introducing a "Shop Hop" to downtown Wabash. The inaugural event will last through Sept. 25 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 Shop Hop Dollars. Take the entry form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the entry form is 100 percent completed, participants submit their entry to Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road. There will be a collection box at the entrance door. Entry forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25. The four businesses participating in Shop Hop are Bellazo, 35 W. Market St.; Bluebird Boutique, 26 W. Market St.; C & J Raxx, 61 W. Canal St.; and Wood-en Ivy, 36 W. Canal St. For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Weed Wrangle to be held Sept. 26 at Salamonie Lake

Meet Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) members and volunteers and get some hands-on experience learning more about invasive species and how to manage them from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26 at Salamonie Lake's Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Those interested in attending should wear long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes; and bring work gloves, wide-brimmed hats, sunscreen and bug spray. Have tools? Bring them. No chainsaws. Some tools will also be provided. The first 30 people who register in advance and work will receive a "hot-off-the-press" UWIN T-shirt. For more information and for advance registration, call 260-468-2127.

Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26

The Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and

Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

'Tox-a-way Day' coming to WCSWMD on Oct. 3

Wabash County residents are invited to participate in the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District's (WCSWMD) upcoming Fall Clean Up and "Tox-a-way" Day from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at 1101 Manchester Ave. The following items free of charge: Electronics including TV's, computers (monitors and parts), vacuums, etc.; Appliances (Freon and non-Freon containing) such as refrigerators, air conditioners, washers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, etc.; tires – passenger car, light truck, ag, commercial and implement tires – please call if you have large quantities; home chemicals – cleaners, yard and garden, oil, etc. (The container can be exchanged but not emptied on the site.); paint, including latex; batteries; all mercury and mercury devices to include ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, switches and thermostats; propane tanks, grills, etc.; and expired or unused medications and sharps, which are used needles. (Sharps need to be in a thick, plastic disposable container and must have a sealed lid like a detergent bottle.) No furniture, mattresses, textiles or yard waste will be accepted. For questions, call 260-563-7649.

Annual Join the Y – Canned Food Drive begins

The Wabash County YMCA is once again

partnering with F.I.S.H. of Wabash County to launch the Annual Join the Y – Canned Food Drive through Thursday, Oct. 15 at 500 S. Cass St. Similar to past years, those who donate a can of non-perishable food will receive a reduction of the joiner fee. For more information, visit wabashcountymca.org or call 260-563-9622.

Absentee voting applications now available

Voters who wish to vote absentee may visit indianavoters.com and complete an absentee application or they can call the clerk's office at 260-563-0661, ext. 1238 and request the form. Absentee voters may bring their ballot to the clerk's office by noon on Election Day.

Clerk's office announces early voting locations

Early voting at the Wabash County Clerk's office will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday from Tuesday, Oct. 6 through noon Monday, Nov. 2. The office will also be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 24 and Oct. 31. The office will be closed Monday, Oct. 12 for Columbus Day. In addition to the clerk's office, voting on Saturday, Oct. 24 will take place at the Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; and Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 150 N. 2nd St., Somerset. In addition to the clerk's office, voting on Saturday, Oct. 31 will take place at the Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; and the Liberty Township Fire Department, 12 S. Wabash Ave., LaFontaine.

Clerk's office announces Election Day voting locations

On Election Day, voting locations will include: Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave.; First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.; Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; North Manchester Public Library, 405 N. Market St., North Manchester; Pleasant Township Fire Department, 10459 N. Ogden Road, Laketon; and Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester.

Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management announced as 2020 Business of the Year

Grow Wabash County has announced that Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management has been selected as the 2020 Business of the Year. Halderman will be celebrated for this achievement from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Honeywell Center during Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration. Registration is now open for tickets and sponsorships. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/2020annualdinner, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Manchester University moves 2020 Commencement to fall

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) at the Cordier Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement at the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to reopen Sunday, Nov. 15.

Hawkins Farms kicks off Pizza Fridays benefiting HOPE CSA

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting "Tailgating on the Farm" from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their

all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustainable Agriculture). For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www.hopecsa.org.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

DivorceCare begins weekly meetings again

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, "features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery." The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 S. State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Leader Janet Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call Quillen at 260-571-5235, or call 260-563-8453 or 877-350-1658; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.



Education

Women landowners invited to free conservation discussion and field tour



Women who own or manage farmland in Wabash and Miami Counties are invited to a free conservation discussion and field tour on Thursday, Sept. 17.

Coffee and registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

Those who own or manage farmland in Wabash and Miami counties invited Thursday

STAFF REPORT

Women who own or manage farmland in Wabash and Miami Counties are invited to a free conservation discussion and field tour on Thursday, Sept. 17 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to Tashina Lahr-Manifold, executive Director for Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District (WCSWCD). Coffee and registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided, followed by an afternoon invasive plant ID and management tour. The program will end with refreshments at 3 p.m.

“We estimate that women



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now own or co-own between one-fourth and one-half of the farmland in the Midwest and they are very interested in farming practices that benefit the health of their land,” said Susi Stephan, program technician for the Wabash County Farm Service Agency. “Our goal is to connect these women with each other and with the resource professionals who can help them with their farmland management

goals.” Women4theLand meetings bring together landowners in an informal learning format for a women-only morning discussion followed by a more in-depth look at the characteristics of healthy soil and farming practices that promote it on a tour after lunch. This year the topic will be “Enhance Your Land by Keeping it Native.” Female

conservation professionals will be on hand to answer questions and share resources throughout the day. “We continually hear from women how grateful they are for a women-only learning environment,” said Lahr-Manifold. “They tell us they can discuss issues they wouldn’t feel comfortable bringing up in any other setting.” Lahr-Manifold said they were taking steps to ensure the health and safety of guests and employees “All local and state health guidelines will be implemented. If you need special accommodations, please notify us when you RSVP. Feel free to bring a friend or family member, just let us know when you RSVP so we can have plenty of food,” said Lahr-Manifold. The meeting is presented in partnership with Wabash and Miami County Soil & Water Conservation Districts; the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA); Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR); American

Farmland Trust; the Women, Food and Agriculture Network; and Women4theLand. Spots are limited. For more information, call the WCSWCD at 260-563-7486, ext. 3 or the Miami County Soil and Water Conservation District at 765-473-6753, ext. 3.

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